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A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away....

Episode 6 1/2
The Ranchor

A sinister and twisted enemy of the status quo has launched a campaign in order to disrupt The Anchor's usual newspaper. The Empire has begun an invasion and it's already taking a toll on the Rebels of New Hope. The Rebels are planning a counter-attack but are in need of more troops for their cause. Meanwhile, the Empire continues to grow stronger as their sphere of influence increases and traps the galaxy.

NEW HOPE PURCHASED BY WALT DISNEY

In a suprise move, Disney aquires New Hope College

Luke Skywalker
HEROIC MOISTURE FARMER

Taungsday, Fall 34 – The Walt Disney Company has announced an agreement to acquire New Hope and transform the school into the company's latest attraction. A purchase price is not yet disclosed but the sale of such a storied franchise will likely exceed four billion Galactic Credits. The deal, which includes merchandising rights, means the school will soon be updated with new building renovations and the addition of new characters, sure to increase the number of tourists who visit Hope and the surrounding area.

Although most details about the upcoming transformation have not yet been announced, The Ranchor was



PHOTO BY SHORT STORMTROOPER

NOW OWNED BY DISNEY — Signs on campus are already being changed to integrate New Hope with the Disney brand. No word on how the changes will effect the Rebel's struggle for freedom.

able to interview representatives from both Disney and the college to learn about the deal.

Emperor Knappatine, Hope's supreme leader, was very upbeat about the deal

and its promise to increase revenue.

"I've been working since I first seized power to squeeze the maximum amount of money out of the Rebel scum that infect this campus," Knappa-

tine said. "I've been successful in extracting almost every last penny out of those no-good Rebels through higher tuition, book costs and obscene speeder parking permit rates. There was only so much I could do

on my own."

Knappatine is optimistic that the new deal with Disney will ensure a supply of tourists that will produce high merchandise and concession sales.

Disney's Vice President of Acquisitions, known only as Watto, agreed with Knappatine's assessment.

"You not find a better deal anywhere, I think. Eh?," Watto, who recently joined Disney after a long and successful career as an entrepreneur on Tatooine, said. "Look around! I gotta lots of a-junk to work with [at New Hope]."

According to Watto, he knew that New Hope would be a great fit for Disney when he heard how the Intergalactic Tulip Festival successfully drew large crowds to the area each Spring.

"We gonna make it like that year round," Watto said.

Holland's ranking as the second happiest place on the planet earth apparently did not hurt either.

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HOLOGRAM

Chamber Chorus

The soothing sounds of "AAAAUGHWAAHHH!"

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JE-DIY

Build Your Own Lightsaber

Find how to assemble one of the most powerful weapons in the galaxy.

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SPORTS

Rebel Flag Turns Heads

A Rebel flag was seen on a pod racer's vehicle, causing quite a disturbance in the Force.

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THIS WEEK AT HOPE

Taug. 26
Tour of the sarlacc pit.
Biology students will take a fieldtrip to the local sarlacc pit. Students are encouraged to wear safety gear throughout the trip. Speeders leave at 4 p.m.

Zhel. 27
Starship show is coming to New Hope
Starships from around the galaxy will be on display at the DePree Hangar. The show begins at 7 p.m.

Bend. 28
Force training
All Jedi will report to the temple for Force training. Master Skywalker will be giving a lecture with tutorial on using "Electric Judgment" the Jedi version of force lightning. Students are required to attend at 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

REBELS CONSTRUCT THE BULTMAN BASE

In a surprise response to the Empire's shield generator recently constructed on campus, the Rebels have begun building their own base in response. As of press time, there was no official information about what would be contained within the new top secret building; however, reports suggest that it will serve as a new command hub for rebel attacks against evil campus administrators. The building will contain no exposed exhaust vents.

CLONE WARS MEMORIAL APPROVED BY EMPEROR KNAPPATINE

This past week, Emperor Knappatine commissioned what will be an extravagant statue commemorating the Clone Wars. The statue with feature clones and droids alike. Made of durasteel, the statue will be built on the Old Republic planet of Coruscant. The reveal date is TBA.

HYPERDRIVES IMPROVED

New Hope's Arc-170s have had hyperdrives built into them. They will no longer have to be transported or use hyperspace rings.

NEW SHIELD GENERATOR AT NEW HOPE

The Kinetic-Amplifier-Machine on New Hope's campus is the home of the new death star's shield generator

Captain Rex
OF 501 LEGION

Kinetic-Amplifier-Machine, or the "KAM" for short, has been chosen as the new shield generator for the construction of the third Death Star. The building was commissioned as such by New Hope's Emperor Knappatine. General Freezus is Knappatine's second in command and will be performing regular inspections of the KAM.

The KAM will be under heavy security day and night to ensure that the new Death Star is protected while under construction. The KAM will be patrolled by members of Knappatine's fist, the 501 legion. These troops have been specially trained to eliminate any threat to the station. Along with the troopers that are stationed there, the KAM will feature a new state-of-the-art security system. This system will have sentinel turrets and a scanning system which will determine if life-forms and droids alike are coded in with the Empire's security files. These new security features have been put in place to ensure that nothing goes awry, unlike the events that took place on the last KAM on Endor. The top of the KAM is also available as a landing pad for those troopers returning to a New Hope.

Emperor Knappatine is sure the new Death Star will be com-

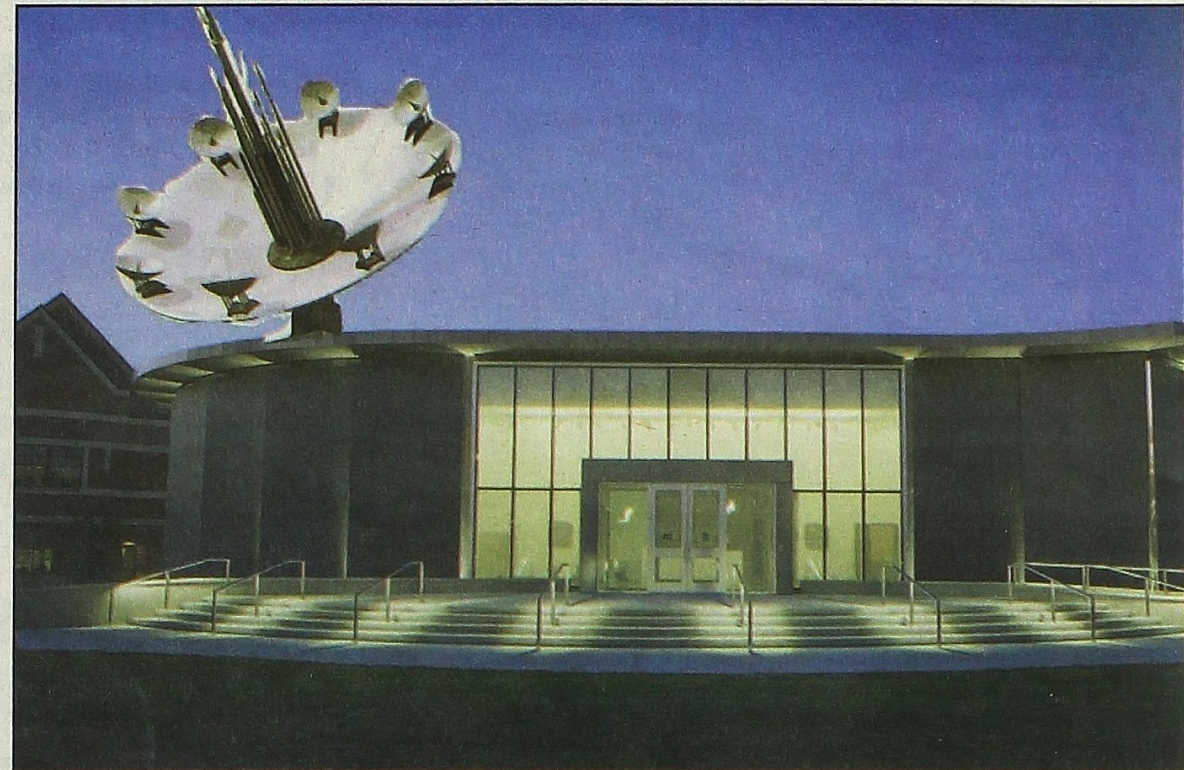


PHOTO BY CAPTAIN REX

OUR SHIELD GENERATOR HAS BEEN ENABLED— The new shield generator sits atop New Hope's KAM, while the building of the new Death Star is in progress.

plete as scheduled in 2020. This being said, "The Death Star is quite operational," said Grand Moff Molenaar.

The battle station has already ingeniously started building from the outside in, covering all port holes in the reactor mainframe. The force field that the KAM provides also serves as a tractor beam, which means any unlicensed ship that is caught in it shall remain motionless until destroyed by the Imperials. "Our access codes will be

changed constantly, and unlike the past, older codes will not check out as before," said Grand Moff Molenaar. "The KAM ensures that the new Death Star will be unhindered during its production. It's heavy security will thwart any rebels that may wish to destroy it," said Molenaar.

The new Death Star is capable of planetary disintegration as the previous two have been. The recharge time between blasts has been kept confidential as the

Empire wishes to gloat about their new battle station without sharing all of its secrets. Admiral Christopher Elsen has been put to the daunting task of supplying the demand of resources that the Death Star requires. "The battle station is 1000 kilometers in diameter, so we need all durasteel we can get," said Admiral Elsen. The Empire can find no lack of faith in their ability to construct this behemoth of a battle station.

EPISODE VII RELEASES

EARLY IN HOLLAND

STAR WARS EPISODE VII: AT AMC THEATER, 500 WAVERLY ROAD HOLLAND, MICHIGAN. TICKETS FOR SHOWS STARTING AT 7 P.M. ARE AVAILABLE. GO TO FANDANGO.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR DECEMBER 17 HOWEVER, THE OFFICIAL OPENING DAY IS DECEMBER 18.

DISNEY BUYS NEW HOPE

♦ **Purchase**, from page 1

"Disney is already the 'happiest place on Earth' my first move is to also acquire property in the second happiest place on Earth; successful business strategy, Eh?" he said.

New Hope's Rebel scum, however, were less enthusiastic about the purchase. Rebels are afraid that their already busy schedules will soon be consumed with running tourists attractions on campus.

"We're already too busy looking out for traps set by the dastardly Empire and complet-

ing our homework we don't have time to run an amusement park," said Arhul Narra ('37).

Watto seemed unsympathetic to Rebel concerns. He instead insinuated that the Rebels were merely trying to talk their way out of their responsibilities.

"Mind tricks don't work on me... only money," he said.

Only time will tell if Emperor Knappatine's decision to sell out to an even bigger and more mysterious overlord will change things on campus.

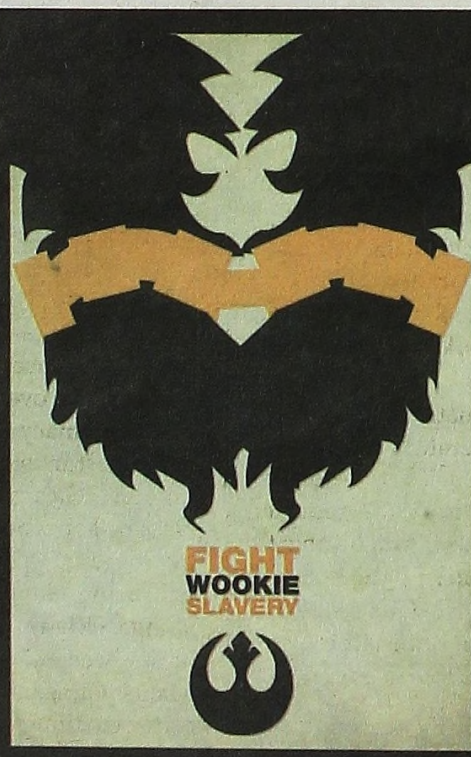
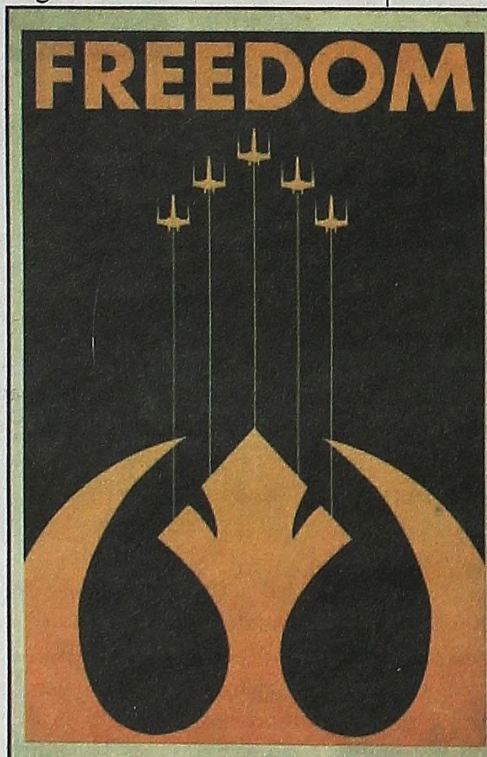


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GALAXY

ON THE SENATE'S END

WE HAVE COME A LONG, LONG WAY BUT HAVE FAR, FAR TO GO

Uncle Chewy
RESIDENT WOOKIEE

(Translated by Google Translate)

This past week, we crossed into year 34 ABY.

The Battle of Yavin marked the end of the tyrannical rule of the Galactic Senate over our galaxy, which had been enforced in bulk by the Empire's forces. The Empire ruled with absolute authority and made sure that we all knew who was in charge.

Its practices restricted our ability to practice free trade and our ability to practice free speech regarding those we trusted to represent us in the Galactic Senate. It took us time to unravel all that the Empire had done, but we have come a long way from the Battle of Yavin.

We have had to work together to accomplish the balance that we have presently attained. It has not been easy, but it beats the old Empire any day of the week.

Ever since Luke Skywalker flew his T65 X-wing fighter into enemy airspace outside of the Death Star and destroyed the machine-moon, our "safe and secure society" that Emperor Knappatine advertised after

the rise of Lord Vader and the Republic has come closer and closer to a reality.

Under the Senate, the entire galaxy was divided up and constantly being reorganized in order to placate this planet or its particular system. Representatives within the Senate often moved to curry favor with the Emperor before acting on behalf of their constituency.

Corruption reigned supreme and entire planetary gerrymandering occurred large-scale. The Rebels were the answer to our prayers.

For those of us who always preferred to make our own safe and secure society, Luke Skywalker and the return of the Force as a weapon to be used against the Empire was a welcome development in the history of the galaxy. My nephew Chewbacca and his friend Han Solo have always been proponents of this kind of life and have inspired me to write the things I've written against the Empire's reign.

We finally are able to hop into our starships and take off to whatever planet or system we choose without having to go through the Empire's checkpoints. We are able to

open shops and businesses on planets, as well. The ever-elusive permits we were once forced to obtain from the Empire's officials, who usually required more than the expressed rate to issue a permit, are bygone now.

Though the Empire brought about stability for a while in the beginning of its reign, the resulting peace brought about corruption, as rotten egos festered at the center of a dying ideal.

The Rebels brought about change and freedom from an oppressive regime, and we should thank them for that. Whenever you see a Rebel veteran, be sure to thank them for their service. Thank them for spending years away from their home planet on various starships and distant worlds to make sure that the Senate met its demise.

Thank their wives and husbands for "holding down the fort" at home while their spouse was away on long assignments from which they were likely to never return. Thank their sons and daughters for following in their footsteps to protect the Galaxy.

Without them, we would not be free. Without them, the Force would not be with us.

IMPERIAL STRIKE
HITS HEART OF REBELSClone Reporter 8502
IMPERIAL EDITOR OF CORUSCANT

After knowledge of reactors being built to harbor the production of Weapons of Interplanetary Destruction (WIDs) was revealed on Naboo, the Empire has launched a successful military campaign to hamper Rebel progress.

Emperor Knappatine stated, "Rebels, who are seeking to destroy the unity of the Galactic Empire, have been severely hampered due to the destruction and elimination of strategic target locations," in a press conference.

Primary targets included the Gungan capital city, Otoh Gunga, as well as the planetary capital Theed.

Otoh Gunga was successfully targeted and largely destroyed in an effort to hamper the WIDs. Reports suggested that Rebels had been constructing large underwater reactors in an effort to hide from Imperial knowledge, betraying Interplanetary Regulations.

Gungan society had long been thought to be neutral and peaceful, or, at most, apathetic to the Rebel cause. Some, however, claim that this is evidence of lingering anti-Gunganism, as Gungans are notoriously disliked among the Empire at large.

Reactors have been targeted on terrestrial Naboo as well.

Theed, the capital city, was the primary objective for the military's campaign against the Rebels, often labeled as domestic terrorists.

Minor citizen casualties have been reported on Naboo. Accounts of citizen and innocent-life lost are regrettable.

However, due to the Rebel presence and the compliance of Naboo leadership to building reactors and training facilities it is "understandable and inevitable," according to top military officials.

Despite the potential for an orbital bombardment, Imperial military restraint is largely serving as a warning to those on the planet who would seek to harm the unity of the Empire.

Despite this, politicians from Naboo are furious over the aggressive stance of the Empire, calling the campaign an "affront to liberty" and noting that the innocent lives lost are a "gross oversight by a trigger-happy military." When asked for further comments, the politicians were unable to be located. Some fear that the empire has killed them.

Millions of people are allegedly fleeing the planet, with Imperial systems closing their interplanetary borders to the refugees, noting that a number of systems "disagree fundamentally" with the actions of Naboo and are "not wishing to incite more strife from the Empire itself."

GALACTIC NEWS

The anti-vaccination movement is gaining popularity among less-literate planetary systems, claiming that the Empire is using vaccinations as a means of controlling the populations, despite vast evidence of their efficacy and use.

Empire shutdown was avoided thanks to top commanders forging a diplomatic solution to the Galactic Budget that raises the deficit by several quadrillions of Galactic Credits.

Reports of a deadly virus endemic to species of Toydarians on Tatooine has infected a human for the first time on record. Human scientists are rapidly attempting to find a cure, and it is expected to be available within several weeks.

Thousands of Wookiee Rights activists have protested in the streets of Galactic City on Coruscant for increased health care funding and aide to Kashyyyk.

The International Google Conglomerate is revealing its newest self-service droid for home users. It is reported that this droid will be able to not only pick up the home but also have a full range of sentient emotions. It is also programmable in over 6,902 languages.

FASTER
THAN THE
SPEED OF
LIGHTNABOO HIT HARD
EMPIRE KILLS MILLIONSFreedom Fighter
REBEL EDITOR FOR FREE PRESS

Imperial forces have selectively targeted strategic cities and religious locations of natives on Naboo in an effort to hamper Rebel forces, who have a strong presence on the planet at large.

In particular, Imperial forces targeted the capital city of the Gungans, Otoh Gunga, as well as major parts of Theed, the capital city of Naboo.

Queen Beyoncé of Naboo, absent at the time of the bombardment of Theed, has urged her constituency at large to seek active shelter or flee as defensive forces are preparing around the planet to assist in safe evacuation of citizens.

In an emergency press meeting, Queen Yoncé stated, "Emperor Knappatine's order of military involvement, without first addressing us by diplomatic means, is disturbing and illegal." A delegation task force has been sent to Coruscant in order to address the over-aggression and non-diplomacy of the Empire.

An estimated total of one million Galactic citizens of Naboo have been slaughtered by Imperial forces, with over half being Gungans from Otoh Gunga. Many believe this to have been a speciest action against Gungans.

Evacuations are underway from the remnants of the

two cities, and defensive and retaliatory forces are forming, headed primarily by Rebel forces.

Gungan forces are rumored to be organized by the infamous Jar Jar Binks.

It is believed that the Empire used propoganda and fear to justify the attack, claiming that Rebel forces were building Weapons of Interplanetary Destruction (WIDs), despite there being no known constructs on the planet.

Rebels strongly deny the accusations.

As millions of inhabitants are evacuating in fear of further attacks from Imperial forces, threats of pillagers or stellar pirates in the slave trade are feared by many. Indeed, some fear that Dobbald Trump, a recent Hutt who has risen to immense power, may have some of his supporters trailing the refugees in an attempt to capture and enslave them.

Vast transportation of non-partisan Nabooites have already been loaded on to spacecraft that are removing the persons to neighboring star systems or interplanetary outposts.

However, reports have suggested that Imperial forces are actively searching to target and destroy craft leaving Naboo, and planets heavily loyal to the Empire are closing their borders to the refugees in an effort to comply to Imperial standards.

THIS GALACTIC WEEK IN GALASTROLOGY

Scorpio: Your indecisiveness is affecting the whole universe's energy. It is either now or never! Unless you are a Sith, then you should hold off until Mars is in clear.

Sagittarius: Full moon on fourth house. Cut back on carbs and join a team for Podracing. It is time for a change.

Capricorn: It helps that Princess Leia is in your house. But this week, with the help of eighth star, you are finally going to peak in your career. It doesn't matter if you are a Jedi or a Sith, your way to the top is wide open. Can't say the same for your love life, though.

Aquarius: Home sweet home! You are finally comfortable with where you are at in life physically and mentally. As you have worked hard to get here, you might consider putting your guard down and relax for a bit.

Pisces: Your emotions need balance; even the most positive ones. As your ups and downs are too drastic, you are being negatively affected overall. Maybe it is time for a Wookiee in your household...

Aries: Your stubbornness is not going to help this week. Keep an eye out for the girl in the white cape; she is not as innocent as you think.

Taurus: Drops of Endor will work in your favor. As you were having a hard time letting it go, you are mentally galaxies apart. It's time to move on and maybe start taking those lightsaber lessons you always wanted to take.

Gemini: Some people are not who you think they are. Check with your parents before you get close with someone; they might be too close to you.

Cancer: Honor your emotions, but don't let them get in the way of your Jedi senses. If your gut says something is wrong, don't ignore it.

Leo: This week, the tenth moon will be in your fifth house and you should take advantage of it. Success is around the corner; you just have to see through the emotional asteroids.

Virgo: Other planets are calling your name, but you have to resist for now. You will get advice from a wrinkled, green gnome. Don't take it for granted.

Libra: Eight house, the ninth star. You are going to have a very sensual week stay away from Stormtroopers and Jedi of any kind. Don't do anything you will regret.

HUMAN ABORTION CONTROVERSY

The Sith Party members cheered on Darth Vader while vocalizing humanly concerns

Sabé

GBN CORRESPONDANT

Despite the recent shutdown danger Galactic Empire faced, the House of Siths was able to gather around to lay out the issues that have been affecting Homo sapiens of Galactic Republic.

The meeting was held in Dromund Kaas with many members of the party, yet the spotlight was on the upcoming Imperial elections Sith frontrunner.

Darth Vader, former Jedi Knight, stated that abortion should be outlawed even in cases of unconsented sexual connection and reproduction within the families.

As the issue almost dragged the Empire administration to the end of a financial cliff, Vader spoke of the topic very bluntly.

"I would not be in favor of murdering an offspring because the offspring came about in that way," the Lord stated on the podium as he addressed the rest of the Old Republic members.

Mr. Vader also did not hesitate to refer back to Infinite Empire's slavery history and Endor's Holocaust.

The Sith Imperial candidate noted in his speech, saying, "In the ancient times, Force-sensitive slavery was

exploited by the Hutts, Zann Consortium and the Despot's Empire. Many of our ancestors had the right to do whatever they wanted to that slave. If an abolitionist Sith of Galactic Republic did not say, 'I don't support having superiority on another species, I despise it. But, you do whatever you want to do.' Where would the Empire be?"

His point was not taken well by the constituents in some sections of the Empire, primarily in the Outer Rim Territories and the Senex sector, as the poll numbers showed significant drop.



PHOTO COURTESY OF FLICKER

DARTH VADER DOMINATES THE SITH MEETING— Imperial elections frontrunner Darth Vader stole the spotlight with his comments on the controversial topic of Homo sapien abortion.

since his campaign does not target Jedi and polls could have been skewed by them.

After the meeting, the Sith candidate answered questions, and avoided commenting on his slip on 'reproduction within the families.'

Five galactic years ago, former Jedi Knight's office also became the center of attention upon the Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia relationship scandal, due to their lack of statement.

It is still a lingering question whether the frontrunner Sith candidate, Darth Vader, will keep his leadership in the race upon his provocative claims.

Before the House of Siths meeting ended, many members of the community showed their frontrunner support by despising Earth's Ukrainians actions on converting the Lenin statue into a Darth Vader monument.

Emperor Knappatine told cameras that he was deeply saddened by the backhanded insult and that it is a reckless act on Humans' end for the diplomatic relations of two members of the galaxies.

Darth Vader replied with appreciation for the support, while replying in an aggressive tone, "may the force be with Humans. They will need it."

TRUMP THE HUTT ON STELLAR RISE

Dobbald, one of Jabba's relatives, is a rising star in the Hutt system

Kit Fisto

INTERGALACTIC REPORTER

Jabba Desilijic Tiure, commonly known as Jabba the Hutt or the "Bloated One," was slain by his own slave girl in the year 4 ABY on the desert planet of Tatooine.

Despite that loss, Jabba's family line is both extensive. Indeed, with the loss of the "Bloated One," a vast power niche was created in the hierarchy of the Hutt peoples and notoriously within the galactic criminal trade of weapons, species and other illegal goods.

In that vacuum, one of Jabba's closest relatives, Dobbald Deilijic Trump, known mockingly as the "Bragadocious One," has been gaining heavy support in Hutt Space. He promotes a new initiative to get the Hutt Peoples, spread across numerous planets that were suppressed under Imperial Rule, more active in their respective political constituencies.

Many consider this to be a humorous yet unnerving effort to gain power, while others consider it a serious affront to consider someone so closely related to Jabba to be allowed political powers on the nature of Hutt peoples.

The platform that Dobbald Trump plays off of is of grandiose moral supremacy and unyielding power to those

who dare oppose him. It should come as no surprise that Hutts are not known for their ability to cooperate or coexist with others.

The Galactic Wookipedia Post, a galactic-wide and well-regarded source of news (winning numerous awards for its breathtaking journalism), has noted that Hutts are often, "vicious megalomaniacs who consider their kind to be above the morality that was perceived by lesser beings" and hold a special talent for, "accumulation of power and its exertion of it on others along with the manipulation of other beings."

Dobbald Trump's platform consists of several items that make him an obvious and popular choice among the Hutt peoples.

1. Hutts do not want any trade with others unless they receive the most profits.

2. It is Trump's hope to build a system-wide inter-planetary superwall to act as a boundary point within which all traffic of peoples and goods would be heavily watched under the eyes of the Hutts without intergalactic eyes having to look on their trade.

3. To fight for deregulation of lightsabers and photon blasters in order to increase the flow of weapons and cash into the hands of Intergalactic Wapons Association (IWA) and the criminals that feed off of this

trade.

The "Braggadocios One" has made significant sums of money via underground trading that is either illegal or disagreeable by intergalactic laws or standards. He remains legally untouched due to the Hutt's vast political prowess.

After the loss of Jabba, the power vacuum was ripe to be filled by a stronger niche character. Dobbald Trump was the perfect one, and he filled that niche to a perfect T. He is one of the first Hutts, however, to work towards Hutt unity,

even going as far as threatening any species that gets in their way with orbital bombardment (what occurred to Tatooine, turning it into a desert) or even performing a Base Delta Zero.

However, greater Galactic powers have scoffed at the thought of the Hutt peoples as having that type of technology.

Reports have recently surfaced of Dobbald's use of slaves to a vast extent, and it is widely believed that he is a major player in species enslavement.

It is rumored that he has his eyes set on Naboo, wherein refugees are fleeing from Imperial attacks.

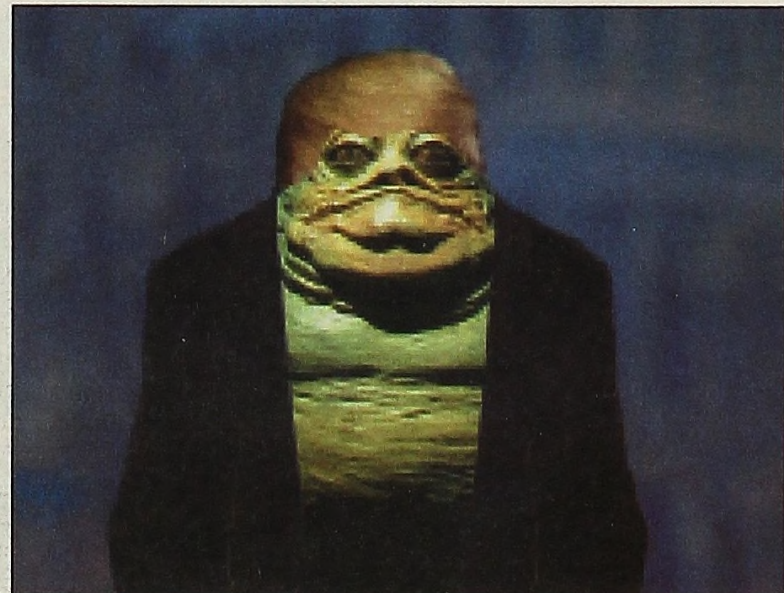


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STUNNING HAIR AND A NEW SUIT LOOK — Dobbald Trump posing for a Hutt news crew after a lively debate where-in he heavily pushed the Interplanetary wall. He was met with wild cheers, some being xenophobic in nature.

WOOKIEE CHAMBER CHORUS WOWS HOPE

R2-D2

HELP ME, OBI-WAN KENOBI, YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE

Last Benduday, the rows of Dimnent Citadel filled with students, masters and community members. Everyone came out for an evening of angelic voices, tight harmonies and furry singers. The Wookiee Chamber Chorus put on a show that New Hope will remember for years to come.

The group of nearly 150 singers filled the risers and the Dimnent stage. One could guess that they were extremely hot, as the Empire still refuses to air condition the space despite Rebel protest. Their navy blue ensembles also added to their heat. However, that didn't stop the Kashyyyk natives from singing their hearts out and wowing the New Hope crowd.

Without a band, The Wookiee Chamber Chorus relied solely on their voices to make up the instruments, percussion and singing parts of songs. Therefore, their musical style was similar to the songs featured on the popular Nabooian television show "Amidala Acapella."

The chorus started off strong with a chilling rendition of "I Can't Feel My Force." The jam got the audience on their feet dancing, and the Wookiees even clapped during the chorus. A



PHOTO BY KYLO REN

CHEWIES BRING CHEERS — The Wookiee Chamber Chorus surprised New Hope with a musical set consisting of pop songs, bringing everyone to their feet.

projection screen with translated lyrics hung above the groups' heads. This came in handy when the conductor invited the audience to sing along as they got to end of the song. The words "I can't feel my force when I'm with you, but I love it," filled the entire Citadel.

After a few more Citadel-shaking songs, the Wookiee Chamber Chorus slowed things down for a ballad: "I Will Always

Love You. I Know." The emotional number tugged on everyone's heartstrings, and some even said they saw General Freezus tearing up in the balcony during the line, "So goodbye. Please don't cry as I freeze in this carbonite."

After this moving moment, the group lightened things up with their rendition of "All About That Space." The doo-wop-esque arrangement had the audience bouncing in the seats and snap-

ping their fingers. Next, "Starship" had everyone amazed, as footage of the Millennium Falcon played on the projection screen. As the Wookiees sang their way through the song, the spaceship zoomed through the galaxy in hyper-speed. "Starships are meant to fly," they sang.

The Wookiee Chamber Chorus fittingly finished their performance with "Roar." Their roars rattled Dimnent so much

that people eating at Jabba Johns felt the restaurant shaking. After their final note, the entire audience stood in applause as the Wookiees took their final bows.

The night wasn't over, though, as the conductor and his translator later came back onstage for a special question-and-answer session. The Wookiee gave great insight into the origin and purpose of the group.

"Our chamber chorus was started a long time ago by the great-great-great grandfather of Chewbacca. It was created as a means of creative expression," the conductor said. "We used to sing more classical pieces, but as culture and songs have developed, we've dabbled in more top 40 hits. It's been a crazy ride."

When asked about what listeners could expect from the group next, the conductor used it as a great plug for their latest album. "RRAAWWW-WWAAAHHHHAAAW-WRRRR" [translated as 'Songs For Tatooine'] hits stores in this fall." The conductor also informed the audience that half of the album's proceeds will go towards Tatooine refugee relief.

Hopefully after their next album, The Wookiee Chamber Chorus will go on tour again, and New Hope will be lucky enough to have them back on campus.

PLAY THE FORCE, BE THE FORCE': AUDITIONS NEAR FOR JEDIPROV

C-3PO

PROTOCOL/INTERPRETER DROID

It's that time of year again: the time where all apprentices get the chance to finally be the Jedi of their dreams. Jediprov offers a safe space for Rebel students of New Hope to experience the Force first hand.

Have you ever wanted to be a great Jedi, with the strength and determination of Obi-Wan Kenobi and the wisdom of Yoda? With Jediprov, Rebel students are given the opportunity to step into the shoes of great

Jedi Masters. The following are some important details to keep in mind.

This year's auditions take place this Zhellday when the clock strikes midnight. The hour might seem late, but it is intended to uphold enough secrecy to keep the Empire from putting a stop to the Rebel gathering. While Jediprov is merely a theatrical portrayal of the Jedi, the Empire worries that it is secretly a mass group participating in Jedi training.

Jediprov auditions will be held in Dimnent Citadel. The

Citadel offers good acoustics, allowing participants to project their voices and better experience the life of a Jedi. The event will be an open audition, so participants will have to be comfortable performing in front of their peers and the Jediprov executive board.

In case of discovery by Empire legions, participants in Jediprov and the exec board will don Wookiee disguises and pretend to be a part of the Wookiee Chamber Chorus. At the beginning of the practice, all will be required to memorize a short

song for their own safety.

No materials will be provided. BYOL (Bring Your Own Lightsaber) is in effect, and a lightsaber is required. Jedi apparel, however, is optional. While not required, Jedi apparel adds to the performance and could increase your chances of being selected to join Jediprov.

Scripts will be provided for all participants. There will be individual and partner scripts, and participants will be encouraged to perform both. Participants will be separated into groups at the beginning of

the event and will be given fifteen minutes to practice their scripts. Memorization is not required, but is encouraged.

Making the decision to join Jediprov will not only improve students' bonds to the Force, but it will also create a sense of companionship with fellow Rebels.

While only a small number of Rebels will be chosen to join Jediprov, merely participating in auditions will help strengthen the Rebel cause and further the fight against the Empire. May the Force be with you.

WELL-KNOWN CANTINA BAND LOSES ITS STEADY BEAT

R2-D2

HELP ME, OBI-WAN KENOBI, YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE

For years, the popular Cantina Band has entertained the drunkards of Tatooine. However, the group has recently been swimming in troubled waters. Band front-man Bruce "Benny" Bobo Fett (Boba Fett's distant cousin) told us all about the drama.

"The gang has always been extremely tight, but recently different producers have been tempting some of us with prospects of solo careers," said Fett. "The possibility of the band breaking up has caused a few rifts among the crew."

The Cantina Band became

well known for their upbeat song, creatively named "Cantina Band." It would often get stuck in people's heads, but it added to the Cantina's lively atmosphere.

However, following the musicians' fights, the band has appeared onstage with fewer and fewer members. "Cantina Band" hasn't been played in weeks, which leaves many wondering whether the group is done for good.

"Nothing's official," said Fett. "We're trying to work it out and ultimately do what's best for the band. Many of the musicians have been visiting their families out of town the past few weeks, so most of it doesn't even have

to do with the band drama at all."

However, Fett's assurance may not be enough to convince others. Rumors have been circling around New Hope that Fett is the most sought after among the group of alien musicians and that he'll be the first to break off for a solo career. This gossip started because not only do front-men usually go off on their own, but Fett was photographed at LemonJedi's with famous Coruscant music producer Jedi-Z, or J-Z.

"We were talking about arrangements for The Cantina Band," said Fett. "He's helped us in the past with different songs. That's all the meeting

was about."

However, Cantina Band pianist Arian Goodwalker is telling others a different story.

"Benny has been getting calls from J-Z for weeks now," Goodwalker said. "I've walked in on a few phone calls, and the conversations don't sound like they're related to the whole band."

"I don't know how Goodwalker got that impression, but I've only talked to J-Z about that band," said Fett.

Even though the two and other members of The Cantina Band seem to be disagreeing on a number of issues, they all have one thing in common: they want to do what's best for the band. "It's about everyone,"

said Fett. "We're trying to find a solution that fits everyone's needs as musicians and aliens."

Goodwalker had a similar message. "I really want the band to stay together. I've had a great time with these guys, but ultimately we need to do what's best for everybody. I don't know what that is, but we all want to find out."

The Cantina Band is scheduled to play at the Cantina from 10 p.m. to midnight on Centaxdays, Taungdays and Zhelldays and 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Prime-days. However, who knows if all the members will show up. Either way, the Cantina still encourages everyone to come out and enjoy a good time.

HELMET TO HELMET' UNRAVELS DIALOGUE ON CAMPUS

R2-D2

HELP ME, OBI-WAN KENOBI, YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE

New Hope's latest art exhibit "Helmet to Helmet" has caused a stir on campus. The exhibit examines the harsh realities of everyday stormtroopers. One piece in particular has triggered debates between the Empire and Rebels.

The photograph captures two stormtroopers kissing in front of what seems to be a blue background. The intimate moment is escalated by the foot-popping action demonstrated by the left stormtrooper and the guns that they carry. Both stormtroopers still keep their helmets on while embracing.

Emperor Knappatine expressed concern after the exhibit debuted this fall. "This exhibit and this photograph do not accurately portray stormtroopers and how we treat them," Knappatine said. "The Empire and I will be taking action to shut down this exhibit and remove this blasphemous photograph."

General Freezus also commented on the matter in a hologram sent out to all of New Hope. "Stormtroopers work to create a safe environment for

others, and the Empire realizes that. We do not promote the unprofessionalism portrayed in this photograph and exhibit. We understand that the photograph is making many feel uncomfortable, and we will do whatever it takes to bring it down."

Although the Empire's response seems reasonable and heartfelt, the Rebels have jumped at the chance to protest and defend their right to free speech.

"This exhibit reveals the horrific and unfair treatment of the Empire's soldiers," an anonymous Rebel student said. "Knappatine and Freezus just want to keep this quiet because it makes them look bad, but this is the truth, and everyone needs to see it."

However, Knappatine assured The Ranchor that the exhibit exaggerates stormtroopers' treatment, saying, "The Empire treats its stormtroopers fairly."

Rebel forces have even started posting signs outside the art gallery's doors. Some read, "Leave the truth alone," "We need to see the cruelties of the Empire" and "Keep the stormkissers!" The Empire has yet to take down these protest signs, and no word has been given on when, or if,

they will.

However, talk has been circling about the fate of the gallery. Sources say that the Empire and the Rebels may compromise by removing the photograph but leaving the rest of the gallery pieces for display. Although, it's hard for many to believe the two forces will ever come to a solution.

"The Empire already took down our flag during a podrace," another anonymous Rebel student said. "They shouldn't get to take the photograph down, too."

Of course, the incident has only strengthened the rift between the Empire and Rebels. Rumors continue to swirl around campus that the two are building up their forces for all-out war. Hope students have mentioned secret Jedi training sessions that supposedly take place in the Durfee Temple's basement chambers. Others have talked about how the Empire and Knappatine plan on building up an army of clones.

Students of New Hope will have to wait and see if "Helmet to Helmet" stays on campus and whether the Empire or Rebels will walk away the victor of this artistic battle.



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KISSING CONTROVERSY — The picture of two stormtroopers engaging in physical contact sparks debate.

APPLE EMPIRE RELEASES ISABER 232S, SABERSTICKS RAISE SAFETY CONCERNS

C-3PO

PROTOCOL/INTERPRETER DROID

Last week, the Apple Empire unveiled their new project. From the late Jedi Master Steve Jobi-Wan, the iSaber 232s is innovative and reflective of a common Jedi's everyday needs. A fine piece of technology, the new iSaber offers many new exciting additions, including the ability to retract into a pocket-sized version and the inclusion of multiple colors to fit each buyer's individual personality.

The iSaber 232s was met with positive approval from the Rebels and the Empire alike. Slightly smaller than the iSaber 232, yet longer and wider than the iSaber 231, the new iSaber is perfect for the working Jedi, fitting well in most Jedi robes and easily programmable for different tasks. One such feature that is included is a scanner that is able to evaluate the Force of others in a small radius.

No longer will Rebel students of New Hope be left in the dark, unable to know the true devotion of their peers and professors. This feature has sparked some controversy. Distinguished and loyal followers of the Empire are concerned that the Force scanner in the iSaber 232s violates their rights and endangers their position of strength in the Dark Side. However, as the scanner can also be used to locate and terminate rebels of the Dark Side, the app was evaluated as not displaying

favoritism and was left as a feature of the iSaber 232s.

Another new feature is the inclusion of holograms. The apps able to display holograms are known as Holoapps. The current list of Holoapps include Forcebook, Snapcomm and R2DTube. Holograms for these apps provide a more enveloping environment that improves users' experiences.

Forcebook holograms create a stronger bond between Jedi companions, as some status updates can now be read aloud by a holographic version of the respective Forcebooker. The new holographic R2DTube places the viewer in the midst of the action. With Holoapps, users no longer feel like an outsider; they are able to experience any event first hand. While still only compatible with a few apps, Holoapps will likely increase as the iSaber 232s continues to gain popularity.

For a limited time only, the SaberStick will be sold with the

purchase of an iSaber 232s. The SaberStick is ideal for young Jedi interested in capturing fond memories from Jedi battles, and there is even a feature to share battle footage in real time! With increased usage of SaberSticks, Jedi Battle Livestreams are sure to become a trend. However, there has been considerable negative feedback of the SaberSticks, with incidences of accidental death after SaberStick usage.

The SaberStick has also been known to result in self-mutilations when attempting to take a selfie. The Apple Empire has failed to comment on the safety concerns of the SaberStick and continue to sell the merchandise.

Overall, the iSaber 232s is in high demand. The new features provide great benefits to Rebels and Empire followers alike. Despite the many safety hazards of SaberStick use, young Jedi continue to purchase the technology and use it daily.



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TAY-LORE REVITALIZES HAIR BUN TREND AT NEW HOPE

R2-D2

HELP ME, OBI-WAN KENOBI, YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE

Newest Jedi Master Laur-Wan Tay-Lore is a hit among New Hope women. Because of this, Rebel women all over campus have been copying her signature hairstyle: buns.

Hair buns used to be a hot trend across the galaxy during the first Civil War. Princess Leia Organa of Alderaan popularized the hairstyle while acting as a spy for the Rebel Alliance. Paired with a shiny white dress, the "cinnamon buns" became an intergalactic hit. Hair salons on every planet began styling women's hair like doughnuts.

"Women would run in with pictures of the Princess," longtime Cosmic Cut owner, Rosemarie, said. "We styled nearly 50 buns a day."

However, the trend eventually died down: that is, until Tay-Lore joined Hope's Rebel forces. Hope women began sporting the look after she rocked the hairstyle during her first Jedi Master class.

"I spent hours on R2DTube learning how to style my buns," Nat Zell ('35), a Padawan learner, said. "It was really hard at first. My hair kept poking out, but I found some awesome hair-spray that keeps them wrapped tight. My buns last all day now, even when I style them before my 8 a.m. class."

However, the original buns look isn't the only version you'll see on New Hope women's heads. Tay-Lore's trend has women getting creative with different kinds of hair buns.

For example, women from Coruscant have been trying out the croissant bun look. To achieve this look, one must twist her hair into half-moon shapes on the sides of her head, wrapping around her ears. "It's

not a style that an amateur should try out," Neena Kay-Wan ('36) said. "It takes a lot of time and practice. I worked on it whenever I didn't want to study for my Gungan Literature class. I hate Professor Binks."

New Hope women from Naboo have also started expanding the buns look. For example, the hot dog bun style has started appearing all over campus because of these ladies. This look demands more time, effort and resources. "You'll need to wrap red and yellow ribbon around your buns to represent the ketchup and mustard," Stephanie Rywalker ('36) said. "The buns should look like long, skinny lines on the sides of your head."

Has Tay-Lore tried out any of these variations? Hope women might guess "No," as she's only rocked the original cinnamon buns for Master classes. However, she told us a different story.

"I've been trying to switch it up a lot more," Tay-Lore said. "I've practiced different types of buns at home, but I haven't perfected them yet. That's why I've only worn the simple ones in public."

We asked her which New Hope variation she favored, and she gave us a surprising answer. "I'm actually trying out my own original bun style," Tay-Lore said. "I've been trying out a lot of different ideas: hamburger buns, pretzel buns and some others. I've had to test a lot of different wrapping techniques, so it takes time, but it's coming together. I'm hoping that by the end of the semester I'll be able to show off something new."

New Hope women may not know exactly when Tay-Lore will debut her new style, but the buns trend isn't going to die down anytime soon.



Jaden
Korr
JE-DIY
Editor

Jaden Korr ('36) here with a DIY from your favorite Jedi apprentice! This week I'm going to give you a rundown on how to build a lightsaber. Everyone knows that lightsabers are the weapon of a Jedi, and you cannot make one without the Force. However, with my instructions, you can get close. Warning: these instructions are intentionally vague because when I built my lightsaber I had very little guidance from my master. I'm not bitter or retaliating; I'm helping you build character!

STEP ONE



TIP:

If you are looking for some of the materials, I suggest checking out the black market; there are rumors that it exists beneath Van-Dexter's Diner

Designing the lightsaber hilt: the typical length of a lightsaber hilt is between 24 and 30 centimeters (9 1/2 to 12 inches). You can test out different lengths and decide which one fits well in your hand and is easy to wield. You also need to decide if you are making a single lightsaber, a double-bladed lightsaber or two separate lightsabers. If you decide on two lightsabers, you also need to decide if they will be separate or have the capabilities to connect into a double-bladed lightsaber. This determines your fighting style, so choose wisely!

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- activation stud
- belt clip
- blade emitter
- blade length adjuster (optional)
- blade intensity/power adjuster (optional)
- crystals (1-3)
- crystal lens assembly
- cycling field energizers
- diagnostic systems
- diatum power cell
- emitter matrix
- energy modulation circuits
- focusing core
- handguard
- inert power insulator
- magnetic stabilizing ring
- power cell
- power conduit
- power field conductor
- power vortex ring
- primary crystal mount

STEP TWO



TIP:

Combine different crystals to get different colors

Picking out the crystals: a big component of the lightsaber is the crystals. They can be found in one of the following locations: Adegas system, Ilum or Dantooine. If you do not have travel capabilities, you can also forge a crystal using a furnace. The crystal is important because not only does it give your blade color, but it also requires you to meditate on it for some time and infuse it with the Force. So block out a week or two and get tuned in to the Force!

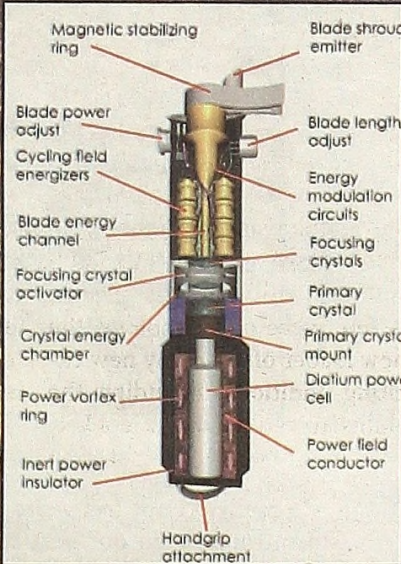
STEP THREE



TIP:

Use smaller crystals with your main crystal to focus your blade better

Assembly: this part is where the complications begin. I suggest you find a good work bench and settle in for a while, because the assembly is long. If you are more advanced with your use of the Force, it will go by much quicker. I have included a diagram that shows you where each part goes. I've found that visual aids are much more helpful than me writing words that go over your head.

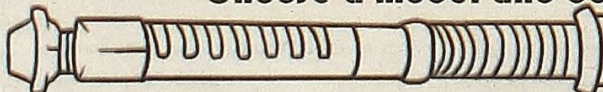


Congratulations! You now have a lightsaber. Try not to terrorize the galaxy, and, if anyone asks how you learned about the inner workings of a lightsaber, please don't call me out. This is our secret.

SHORTCUT:

If you do not have the Force or access to the materials mentioned above, I recommend gathering up thin flotation devices (they come in all sorts of colors) and duct tape to construct a true DIY homemade lightsaber, or just stick to carrying around a blaster.

Choose a model and color it to see what your lightsaber will look like once it is complete.



STORMTROOPERS OF THE GALAXY

How does it feel to look around and see the same face?



Photo courtesy of The Guardian

"Being surrounded by my fellow brothers is disconcerting. Everywhere I turn, I see my eyes staring back at me. I find it easier to wear my helmet everywhere I go. It is easier to pretend that there are other faces behind the masks, and I think it is easier to keep my identity when my face is hidden."



Photo courtesy of SideShow

"I really do not feel weird being surrounded by my face everywhere I look. We stormtroopers do our best to distinguish ourselves. We keep scars as markers of pride and identity. I know a guy who regularly shaves his head. Another brother dyes patterns into his hair. We do our best to let our personalities show behind the mask."

WEATHER

Alderaan: Sudden violent explosion of fire with a 100 percent chance of millions of voices crying out in agony and then...silence

ANCHOR

CONVERSATIONS: JAR JAR BINKS NAMED VALEDICTORIAN



Greedo
Bounty Hunter and Columnist

Although still seven months away, Emperor Knappatine has recently announced who will be the valedictorian for the graduating stormtrooper class of 35 ABY.

Valedictorian is usually given not only to the person with highest GPA but also the person who is the best representative of the class and academy's ideals. So, you would not imagine the shock I received to find out that it was our own Jar Jar Binks. Emperor Knappatine said that Binks was the perfect candidate, describing him as "a 'new hope' that all Stormtroopers should look to."

Reading Binks' résumé, I could not help but be impressed. Not only does Binks have one of the highest Stormtrooper marksmanship scores in the academy's history, but he's also a former representative of the dorm Naboo and has demonstrated superb athletic prowess as the star of the academy's swim team. However, one former professor, Kenth Hamner, has expressed outrage that such a "brainless" creature could have ever become valedictorian. With this and rumors circulating the Rebel Alliance, I decided to interview him at the local Cantina to get to know the real Binks. Here is the following interview.

"Hello Jar Jar, it's a pleasure to meet you."

"Hello boyos!!! Mesa called Jar Jar Binks."

"Umm...ok Jar Jar, how do you feel about your becoming valedictorian for the 35 ABY graduation?"

"Mesa thinks isa a great honor. Mesa be a great spaker, okeeday."

"Jar Jar, you have an outstanding record as a student, but what are some things you don't think people know about you?"

"Me great but me a little bit clumsy. Mesa had one two bad accidents with big daddy."

"What do you think of the allegations that you only received the honor after granting Chancellor Knappatine the emergency powers, which he used to establish himself as Emperor?"

"How rude!! Mesa deserved to be valedictorian, mesa moey moey telligent, I spake."

"The ability to speak does not make you intelligent. Do you have any idea of what you will speak of during graduation?"

"Mesa thinks me spakes about big gooberfish!"

"That seems a little ... um ... irrelevant to graduating."

"Ohh, but it is, it's demanda by the god."

At this point the interview was cut short by a lightsaber fight that broke out between two ruffians. By the time the dust had settled, Binks had run off screaming. I'm unsure of what the future holds for Binks once he has fulfilled his usefulness to the Emperor, but I'm sure that this year will have one more interesting valedictorian speeches in the history of the academy.

THOUGHTS ON ROBOT DISCRIMINATION *



R2-D2
Droid and Columnist

*Untranslated

Beep beep bep boop woowooo wup. Rrrrrrr woop beep boop ding. Boop boop beep beeee bep beeee, wuuuu reeeeeeee wuuuu boop. Ra

ra ra, reeeeeee booop beep beep bep. Beep bep booooo ding ding wuwuwu. Wuwuwu!

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AAAHHHHHHHHHHHH! Waaaaaaaaa boop beep bep woop weep wep rerererere; dadadadada ba. Wu, beep beep bep boop woowooo wup. Rrrrrrr

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INSIDER SPEAKS OUT AGAINST DARTH VADER'S ALLEGED PATERNITY



Boba Fett
Bounty Hunter and Columnist

Luke Skywalker has infamously been known across the galaxy for being the son of Darth Vader. However, this Sith and Jedi duo are not who you thought they were. A paternity

test has confirmed that Vader is not Skywalker's father.

For years now Obi-Wan Kenobi, Luke's former Jedi mentor who also played a key role during the Clone Wars,

“A paternity test has confirmed that Vader is not Skywalker's father.”

has been in the spotlight for publicly stating that Darth Vader is not Luke Skywalker's father. In fact, in years past Kenobi often received criticism

for trashing the Skywalker name and bringing unwanted attention. Skywalker had eventually accepted his position as the son of the most feared man in the galaxy. Turns out Obi-Wan was right. “Darth Vader killed Luke's father. I've been saying this all along. He was an honest man who only cared about his family,” said Obi-Wan. Unfortunately, Kenobi would not actually reveal the true identity of Luke's father.

Vader has been known for his ruthless tactics so it is no surprise that he killed this family man.

It is believed that Vader never revealed his identity as the killer of Skywalker's father, so he could lure him towards the Dark Side. If Luke were to believe he was the son of Vader, it would have been that much easier for the Empire to crush the rebellion. “If Darth Vader was successful in his conversion of Luke to the Dark Side, there would have been no Hope,” Kenobi boldly said. Vader failed in his attempt and has been exposed as not only a killer but also a liar.

Since the results of the paternity test have gone public, Luke Skywalker and Princess

Leia have been spotted out on a date on the planet of Naboo before its imminent explosion. We have reached out to Luke for comments but have yet to

“If Darth Vader was successful in his conversion of Luke to the dark side, there would have been no Hope.”

—OBI WAN KENOBI
JEDI KNIGHT

receive word from him. Please check back for updates.

LAND YOURSELF A QUEEN IN SEVEN STEPS



Anakin Skywalker
Jedi Knight and Columnist

The love life of a Jedi is non-existent when your order forbids love. My peers all claim that life without passion is preferred, but I see the shadows pass over Obi-Wan's face whenever he sees his friend Siri Tachi. The tension between some Jedi that work together is palpable—I can see their attraction in the Force. So what is a lonely guy to do when his love life is nonexistent and forbidden? I have a foolproof plan that can land any lowly Jedi apprentice a senator or a Master a queen. And if you follow my steps precisely, you may even end up with both (like I did!)

1. Show off your abilities! Use the Force whenever possible. My personal recommendation is to use it while you are eating your meals together. If the lady you are trying to seduce has, say, a random food item, like a pear, and it needs to be cut, you Force pull that bad boy to you and show her what you've got. She will see how dedicated you are to her happiness, and she will begin to warm up to you

right away!

2. Use metaphors and similes to talk about her beauty. Of course don't directly speak to her about it, that would be coming on too strong, and you don't want to scare her away. You need to be more subtle with your praise, like comparing your rough, sandy home world to her smooth and beautiful one.

3. Make prolonged eye contact. If the girl you are seducing doesn't reciprocate, don't worry. I've found that staring at her also works, even if it's not into her eyes. It shows ambition and single-minded focus, which are attractive qualities in a lover.

4. Share your emotions with her; involving her in your life shows vulnerability. The most effective thing I've found is to complain about your life and your Master. That way she becomes more aware of your struggles and may even pity you, and if you are early on in your relationship, any attention is positive attention.

5. Pretend to be injured or dead. The best way to test her feelings for you is to put the two of you in a situation where her emotions are forced out into the open. If she truly loves you, she will rush to you in concern, and once that happens, you know you are set! Of course if you actually find yourself in a life-or-death situation together, this will most likely get to her to ad-

mit her feelings faster. There is a risk of not getting out alive to explore a life together, but it is foolproof!

6. Orchestrate situations where you two are alone often. This technique works well if you have a Master who is constantly breathing down your neck and shutting down your feelings. It also works as time and space for your lady friend to fall hopelessly in love with you without distractions. Maybe you are assigned as her body guard, or perhaps you feign interest in one of her hobbies and visit her during your free time. The best situation is when you are on the run and are in disguise to protect her life. We Jedi are protectors, so take advantage of that role!

7. Welcome her into your family life. Now I know this one applies mostly to me, being the chosen one and because I was accepted into the Jedi Order at an older age and all that. However, back stories, especially tragic ones, pull the girl in. If you can't take her to your home planet and introduce her to the family, make something up. It shows that you have feelings and an attachment to people, which is another attractive quality to possess.

Execute this plan and you will have a lover in no time! The next difficult step is figuring out how to hide it, but don't worry about that now. You are young, rebellious and in love! Go get the girl, and may the Force be with you.

Editor's choice

Transmission of the Week



Photo Courtesy of Pinterest

Leia wants you to join the Rebel resistance. With your help, the Rebels can continue to fight against the Empire scourge. If you are interested in joining the campaign, there will be informational meetings at the Rebel Base on the edge of the Endor Grove. Journey at your own risk. AT-ST's are roaming on the outskirts, if you are not careful, you could be stepped on and crushed. Ewoks are on the lookout for possible new recruits so that they can guide you to the base for the meeting and possible training.

Thoughts, from page 8

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Dear Yoda,

This whole Rebel vs. Empire thing is getting out of hand. I've been camped out in my basement chambers for days, surviving on coffee from LemonJedi's and Ration Bars. What do I do?

Sincerely,

Fear the Force

Dear Fear the Force,

Fear is the path to the dark side ... fear leads to anger ... anger leads to hate ... hate leads to suffering.

- Yoda

Dear Yoda,

I'm thinking about trying a new food at VanDexter's Diner and eating there for every meal. Do you dine there often? Is the food okay?

Sincerely,

Foodie

Dear Foodie,

Try not. Do or do not. There is no try.

- Yoda

Dear Yoda,

I've been trying to keep up with latest styles, rocking buns tighter than Leia's and sporting the biggest Padawanian quarter zip. But I can't help but wonder ... is it all worth it? I mean, I'm still going to look stellar like 900 years from now – right?

Sincerely,

Rock the Buns

Rock the Buns,

When 900 years old you reach, look as good you will not.

- Yoda

Yoda,

I'm a professor at New Hope, and my students are just NOT catching onto the material. I don't think there is a single potential Jedi in the whole class! I don't know what I'm supposed to do...

Sincerely,

Teach the Jedi

Dear Teach the Jedi,

Truly wonderful, the mind of a child is.

- Yoda

Dear Yoda,

I've been trying to ask out this girl. I've been telling her so many sweet things, like "you're endor-able," "you're the obi-wan for me," and even "girl, yoda-licious" (sorry if that's offensive), but none of them seem to work. Help a man out.

Sincerely,

More Hopeless than Alderaan

Dear More Hopeless than Alderaan,

That is why you fail.

- Yoda

Dear Yoda,

I'm really sick and tired of Gungans. I'm having a hard time controlling my nerves and am really tempted to use the Force to fight them off. They pop out of waste receptacles and scaring me. Is that cool?

Sincerely,

Gungan Hater

Dear Gungan Hater,

A Jedi uses the Force for knowledge and defense, never for attack.

- Yoda

Dear Yoda,

With the changing seasons, I'm looking for some new outdoor activities to do with my friends. Do you have any recommendations for some fun hobbies around the galaxy?

Sincerely,

More Hobbies than Han

Dear More Hobbies than Han,

Adventure. Excitement. A Jedi craves not these things.

- Yoda

Dear Yoda,

What do I do during late-night Citadel Runs?

Sincerely,

Scared of the Citadel

Dear Scared of the Citadel,

Judge me by my size, do you?

- Yoda

A NEW ERA: OLYMPICS TAKE ENDOR

Tall Stormtrooper

I'M HERE, TOO

Last weekend marked a momentous occasion, as it was the first time ever that the Interplanetary Olympics were held on the planet Endor. But how exactly did we get to this point? Let's take a look.

A long, long time ago, the Olympics began on the planet Kashyyyk when the political power of the Wookiees came into question. As no clear winner could be decided from a vote, and the planet wished to avoid despotism, a contest was created. The Wookiees were split up into 197 different groups. A grueling gauntlet of 41 events were selected, and the group with the greatest number of wins in each event would be given ruling power over the planet.

In recent years, the planet has become far more civilized, but the Wookiees still continue these events as a game, designed to bring the planet together as a whole. However, in recent years, many different planets have been taking a larger part in the Olympic games, as well as other groups. In recent years, the Geonosians, the Jawas, the Jedi and the Galactic Empire have all sent teams to Kashyyyk in a show of good faith to take part in these games. But this year, a new

challenger approached, as there has been a movement to get an Olympic team from Endor. In order to entice the citizens of the planet to get on board with this idea, the Ewok council of leaders moved for the Olympics to be held on their beautiful planet, to show the citizens the beauty of the event.

Now, it should be noted, that the Ewok civilization is not uncultured and has plenty of their own games, including their very own Olympics. However, these Olympics are extremely different than the Olympics they are pushing to have played there this year. In the Endorian Olympics, Ewoks use a small ball that they kick around towards the opponent's goals. The name of this sport stems from the use of the "olymp," a small bone in the foot of the Ewok. Some would argue that this "Olympics" is much more aptly named as its gameplay includes the actual use of olymps. Others say that this is the true Olympics, as it is practiced much more widely among the galaxy. However, the Endorians are the ones asking for it to be brought over, so these "others" can put that opinion someplace special.

A team of Ewoks was prepared for this event with over a hundred of the little guys, the required number for each



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WHAT CHAMPIONS LOOK LIKE— Kook, the head Ewok thrower, who led the Ewok team to victory, is also highly sought after by the lady Ewoks for his good looks and charm.

event, along with a couple of substitutes in case of random injury, something not uncommon at these events. Thousands of Ewoks were present at the opening ceremony, as they welcomed many teams for the upcoming events.

The games were tough for many of the planetary athletes, as the Empire came out with a strong showing in many events. Stormtrooper e224 came out strong in the long jump, and Stormtrooper i198 destroyed the competition in the 100-meter dash. In a strange turn of events, no other group even came close in any events to the Empire, until the Ewoks took two events

late in the games. The Ewoks came out strong in the shot put event and the javelin event. This insane show of athleticism may stem from the Ewok's primitive-rock-and-sharpened-stick battle method.

These victories led the Ewoks to a win on the day, being only outscored by the Empire. However, no Imperial Stormtroopers survived the event, as all were found dead, either impaled by javelin or surrounded by very large rocks and bearing strange dents in their helmets. Apparently, Ewoks really do not like Stormtroopers. This marks the first time a new team has won the Olympics in their first year.

TATOOINE GRANTED 41 ABY GALACTIC CUP BID

Kylo Ren

SUPREME COMMANDER OF IMPERIAL ARMY

The Limmie United Federation Association, better known as LUFA, has announced that the bid to have the 41 ABY Galactic Cup held on Tatooine has been approved. It will be the first time the sport of Limmie will be played on the desert planet.

The decision comes with its fair amount of scandal. Teams' medical physicians are outraged by the "poor decision making" by LUFA to have athletes play the beautiful game in a less-than-beautiful location. Dehydration and exhaustion are sure to be concerns come 41 ABY.

"It's a desert," one physician said. "Scorching temperatures and an arid climate are not safe conditions to play in."

If the climate wasn't enough, LUFA officials in Tatooine have forced thousands of Jawas into slavery-like conditions. With little to no pay and zero breaks, Jawas are forced to build new facilities for the Limmie matches to take place in. The Jawa death count has risen to over 3,000 at the time of publication.

Rumors and reports have spread across the Galaxy, speculating that the only reason for the games being held on Tatooine is because of a bribe from the local councils of the planet. The same is being said about the 37 ABY Galactic Cup held on Hoth.

LUFA president Supp Bluffer spoke on the issue in a press conference last week, saying, "We have not accepted any bribes for



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UN-LIMMIE-TEG POWER — To the chagrin of athletes and fans across the galaxy, Desert planet featuring twin suns chosen to host the Limmie Galactic cup.

the Galactic Cup. Both Hoth and Tatooine have made convincing cases for their respective countries to host the games."

Advertisers have threatened to pull the plug on the Galactic Cup and all other LUFA sanctioned events, citing the possible corruption scandal as bad business. The uproar has caused many of the sponsors to lose countless druggats in lost revenue.

"We will not stand for this," management from Mos Eisley Cantina said in a statement. "This lengthy controversy has tarnished the mission and ideals of the LUFA Galactic Cup and we have repeatedly expressed our concerns about these serious allegations."

Podracing equipment giant

Mythos has expressed their concern, saying, "We are fully committed to creating a culture that promotes the highest standards of ethics and compliance, and we expect the same from LUFA."

While the frigid temperatures of Hoth have raised some questions about the 37 ABY Galactic Cup, LUFA has quieted the press.

"The planet Hoth, while cold, has great potential," Bluffer said. "Running around makes you hot, so the atmosphere will regulate body heat. Indoor stadiums are also being built to compact the cold and there have been no slave labor related deaths to speak of."

Students at New Hope have gathered to have a vigil for the many Jawas who have lost their

lives and the remaining ones who are still being forced into intense labor conditions.

"I don't agree with this injustice," New Hope student Bren Riada ('35) said. "It's not that we even like them. I mean, they're basically rodents. But we're a progressive generation, and nobody deserves to be treated that way."

The tournament will be hosted in seven of the majors cities of Tatooine: Bestine, Anchorhead, Mos Eisley, Mos Gamos, Mos Osnoe, Mos Zabu and Motesta. So far the only stadiums to be completed are in the capital city, Bestine and Mos Eisley. The latter came in part due to the Cantina again threatening to pull their sponsorship.

Whether or not LUFA will pull the Galactic Cup from Tatooine is still to be seen. However, we can all get excited for the games to be brought to Hoth. The Wookiees from the planet Kashyyyk are the fan favorites to win the competition, though they are the expected to fall through the group stages in Tatooine without a win, for obvious reasons.

There are seven years until the games and the Tatooines have a lot of work to do. With the mass amounts of Jawa deaths, it will have to be decided which species will be put into slavery next. If reports are correct, the Kumungah may be that species.

Stay tuned to LUFA.org for more updates on all Galactic Cup matters.

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IN BRIEF

ALDERAAN PLANETARY TEAM DISQUALIFIED

The Alderaan Planetary Olympics team failed to show up at Endor to prepare for the Olympic games. Teams were required to arrive a week early in order to finalize preparations for the opening ceremony, with exceptions being made under special circumstances. At their initial failure to arrive, Olympic officials sent a missive to Alderaan allowing for their attendance within three days of the event. However, when the people of Alderaan refused to answer the missive, the team was disqualified from the games indefinitely. Speculations have arisen that there may have been some kind of planetary disaster that led to Alderaan's absence at the Olympic games. However those reports have yet to be confirmed.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Flonkerton
Phyllis Vanderspacenshock

Shooting
Stormtrooper h758
Blaster

Track and Field
Kook
Thrower

SHOOTING TEAM TIES FOR FIRST

The Imperial Shooting team tied for first place at their match on Zhellday. Twelve teams assembled for their chance to bring home victory. Each team was given 100 targets to attempt to hit, and the team that hit the most would claim the day. Four teams tied for first place with the Imperial Shooting Squad, each hitting one target apiece. Team Captain Stormtrooper h758 solidified his role as the team leader, being the only member on the team to hit a target. This also raises his average targets hit up to a strong .8 percent, placing him at the top of the division. This puts the Squad back on top of the division, with only four events remaining on the year. Their next match will be at Kashyyyk University tomorrow.

REBEL FLAG DISRUPTS HOTH GRAND PRIX

Racing team shopKART stirs controversy with their pod decoration, Reglin, Atwater killed

Short Stormtrooper

HERE TO RESCUE YOU

The Intergalactic pod racing Association (IPA) flagship race at the Hoth Intergalactic Speedway was mired with controversy this past weekend when the shopKART racing team disrupted the final pre-race checkups with the display of a Rebel Alliance battle flag aboard their NuDeRunner3000 racing machine.

Authorities had to be called to the track to remove the flag and restore order to the starting line.

The group claimed to be using the Rebel flag in an ironic fashion, not in support of the long defunct threat to the peace and security of the Galactic Empire.

"We aren't Rebels, we weren't looking for trouble. We just were looking for a laugh and trying to be topical; the flag is a hot button issue these days and a crowd favorite with the outer rim fans," a member of the shopKART pit crew said. "We are truly sorry if we offended anyone at the speedway or tuning in from home. It won't happen again."

The Rebel flag has been heavily covered in recent news. It has surged back into vogue in territories of the outer rim that feel ignored and neglected by the all-powerful Galactic Empire.

The Outer Rim also happens



PHOTO COURTESY OF HOTH INTERGALACTIC SPEEDWAY

SPEED DEMON— Pods locked in a heated race can reach speeds of up to 900 km/h. An on-board camera captures the tight quarters typical of the Hoth Intergalactic Speedway.

to be the birthplace and epicenter of professional pod racing. As pod racing developed into the multi-billion credit industry it is today and moved into more civilized and developed star systems, the "red neck" culture of its origins has sadly travelled with it.

Commissioner General Dean Freezus of IPA spoke on the matter at a press conference following the race.

"As a son of the empire, I am well aware of the pain caused by this flag as a symbol of rebellion and political instability. Though this incident involved only a few racers and does not reflect the character of the IPA, I will meet with the ownership to discuss our responsibilities as members of a community... I am saddened and disappointed by this behavior. As commissioner, I want to assure all members of

our community that I take our commitments seriously and will insist that incidents such as this are addressed in an honest and constructive manner... in the meantime, I hope we can all focus on racing."

Racing equipment giant Mythos Inc. pulled their sponsorship of shopKART following the incident.

There was some exciting pod racing, despite the interrup-

tions. Defending rookie of the year and Malastarian heart-throb, Hutta Sebulba III, continued his sophomore effort in the league with a dominating, albeit dangerous, win, following in his grandfather's footsteps. Sebulba III now leads the series in individual points heading into the second half of the chase for the Nextel Pod Cup.

While the number of human competitors continues to grow, their performance continues to be sub-par. Since Anakin Skywalker's legendary win at the Boonta Eve Classic in 32 BBY, no human has repeated the feat. Jaze Reglin, hailing from Coruscant, nearly completed the chilly Hoth circuit before his power coupling malfunctioned, releasing his Mythos ADA-117 engines. This resulted in the death of himself and fellow human racer, Noink Atwater.

Apex Dibble Racing continued their streak of top three finishes, placing two machines on the podium behind Sebulba.

The IPA returns to its roots in the Outer Rim with the legendary Boonta Eve Classic next week on the planet Tatooine, where a public memorial service will be held for the two lost racers. ShopKART will look to get back on track.

REMEMBERING A LEGEND: RATT'S TYRELL

Tall Stormtrooper

I'M HERE TOO

As a sports community, we mourn the loss of one of the pod racing greats, Ratts Tyerell, who passed on from this life in the Boonta Eve Classic on Tatooine almost 60 years ago today.

Tyerell was a small creature from Aleen Minor who found the sport of Podracing came easily to him. He always displayed quick reflexes that allowed him to make the speedy turns and high speed maneuvers with ease. He garnered quick success as a Podracer, taking home many victories during the earliest days of his career, at one time securing the record for most consecutive Podracing victories.

Through his success, Tyerell met a young Aleena girl that he took as his wife. Tyerell left her behind, as well as their three

children: Deland, Djulla and Doby Tyerell, who was born only a few days before the Classic. This race was the first event Tyerell's wife was able to attend after being released from the hospital.

Although his success in his own pod was substantial, Tyerell always sought to improve himself on the track, thus, right before the Boonta Eve Classic, Tyerell purchased a new Podracer, which he named the "Titan 1250 Scatalpen." His new pod was faster than his old one, yet lacked the same maneuverability, something that Tyerell hoped to make up for with his own heightened reflexes and skill. This new racer may have played a part in his inability to perform on the track, which eventually caused his death.

Tyerell was always a gentle-

man on the racetrack, a knight in shining armor amongst a group of seedy and villainous characters that still make up the Podracing community. In recent years, Podracing has deteriorated. What was once a proud sport of skill and determination has become a joke, rife with cheating, lying and bribes to purchase wins and glory. But, in the midst of scandal and controversy, Tyerell always stood tall, above all of these unjust attempts and relying on his ability to win his races. However, Tyerell's wins had begun to taper off in recent events. As in this sport, virtue and winning are not friends.

Tyerell finished the first lap of the Classic quite easily, only a few spots behind first place, the speed of his new racer acting as a huge asset towards his potential victory. However, as second lap of the race went on, Tyerell began having difficulty with his racer. As the racers entered Laguna Cave, Tyerell became slightly distracted as the young slave boy Anakin Skywalker began gaining on him. At once, his accelerator jammed, hindering Tyerell's ability to maneuver his vehicle. He ran headfirst into a stalactite and his vehicle exploded, immediately killing Tyerell.

Tyerell didn't die due to a lack of ability, but to a vehicle malfunction, something that Tyerell had never dealt with in his career before. Was this malfunction truly an accident, or could it have been planned? It's



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RACING LEGEND — Racer Ratts Tyerelle died in a fiery explosion of death and doom during the Boonta Eve Classic.

already been mentioned that Podracing has recently become a sport thick in controversy with a known track record of cheating and lying to get ahead. And here we have an experienced racer, one who always took amazing care of his vehicle, dying due to a malfunction, in a race whose victor was a young, inexperienced slave boy.

Tyerell purchased the Scatalpen from a certain merchant, who for confidentiality purposes, requested that his name not be included in this article. That same merchant, earlier that day, had business with Qui Gon Jinn, a Jedi master seen accompanying young Skywalker and helping him with his pod. Now,

while Tyerell was a gentleman on the racetrack, perhaps Jinn used special measures to ensure that Tyerell would not be able to defeat Skywalker in the race. Jinn could easily have paid the merchant to sabotage Tyerell's racer, which led to the "accident" and to his eventual death. The merchant also refused to submit to questioning on the topic, only furthering the suspicion of his part in this tragedy.

Tyerelle was a strong racer and the epitome of moral conduct in an immoral sport. His name has been brought up in many conversations regarding induction into the Galactic Podracer Hall of Fame. His loss was great, and he surely has been missed by all.

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